GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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EXPANSION OF KULLU AIRPORT
SURESH CHANDEL

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has announced to make available additional funds for the construction/expansion of the runway at the Kullu (Bhuntur) airport in Himachal Pradesh recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the expansion/construction work of runway is likely to be started?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Hon`ble Prime Minister has announcedduring his visit to Manali in May, 2003 that Centre has decided to bear the full cost of the project. Airports Authority of India (AAI) will complete this project in three years.

(c) The extension of runway is likely to be started after the State Government makes the required land available to A A Iby diversion/training of the river flowing along side the runway.